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1. Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Application Publication No. 51-53789, dated April 24, 1976, together with English-language Abstract; and
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-212078, dated August 7, 2001, together with English-language Abstract.

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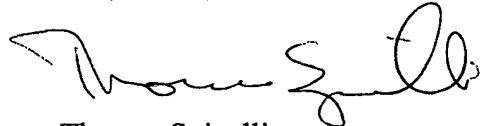


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Respectfully submitted,



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